

WATER IN CELTIC COUNTRIES:

Quantity, Quality and Climate Variability

The Fourth Inter-Celtic Colloquium on

Hydrology and Management of Water Resources

Universidade do Minho, Guimarães, Portugal, July 11-14, 2005

TRAVEL INFORMATION GUIMARÃES

GENERAL INFO

- With its historical center declared recently a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, Guimarães adds this mark of honour to another title it displays by right, that of birthplace of the nation. Its proud and dominating castle was where Portugal's first king, Afonso Henriques, was born in the 12th century.
- The newly distinguished historical center is extremely well preserved and the narrow streets of the Medieval quarter are lined with old houses embellished by ornate balconies and statuary, leading to the beautiful main square, the Largo da Oliveira.
- The Palace of the Dukes of Bragança (15th century), the magnificent monastery and church of Nossa Senhora da Oliveira (with the Alberto Sampaio Museum housed in the beautiful Romanesque cloister), the 14th-century Padrão do Salado (a Gothic shrine) or the elegant church of St. Francis, with its dazzling 18th-century decorated tiles, are only some of the many monuments to admire.
- At about 5 km (3 miles) from the city, the former monastery of Santa Marinha da Costa (12th century) is one of the country's most sumptuous pousadas (state-run inns), with the gardens and the chapel open to the public.
- The Iron Age settlement of Citânia de Briteiros 15 km, 9 miles, North of Guimarães) is one of Portugal's most interesting archaeological sites.
- Otherwise, the county is characterized by its industrialization, agriculture (corn, wine,



potatoes and beans), carefully preserved recipes of sweet things and the traditional joy and merrymaking of the Minho region, visible in numerous festivities.

■ During the first week of August, the Festas Gualterianas, at Guimarães, are a festival of Medieval art and costumes.

HOW TO GET TO GUIMARÃES

BY PLANE

The nearest airport to Guimarães is the Sá Carneiro International Airport (in Porto), around 50 Km away from the city.

Bus line number 56 takes you from the airport to Porto centre (every 20 minutes). You can also take the Aerobus, an express bus that will take you directly from the airport to Porto centre (every 30 minutes), without unnecessary stops. This bus is available Monday to Friday from 9am until 7pm. From the city centre there is a number of possibilities for you to get to Guimarães.

- **Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport**

Pedras Rubras / Maia / Porto

Email: oport.airport@ana-aeroportos.pt

www.ana-aeroportos.pt

By Car from Francisco Sá Carneiro airport :

From Francisco Sá Carneiro airport take IC24, direction A3, Braga, Maia; Drive about 10km in IC24, until exit 6, and take highway A3, direction Valença, Braga (see http://www.brisa.pt/webnew/brisa_mapa_00.asp or

http://www.viaverde.pt/vv_md_01.asp?id=&idioma=1); Drive about 16 km in A3, until exit 6, and take highway A7, direction Guimarães; Drive about 16 km in A7, to the end and follow direction Guimarães (see

<http://www.aenor.pt/index2.html>); Take Guimarães Ring, direction Felgueiras, Fafe, until exit to Guimarães, Pencilo, and follow path indicated in the map to reach the Campus of Azurém

BY CAR

When travelling by car you will find many ways to get at Guimarães. From the North you have the highway from Braga and Viana do Castelo and also from Coruña (Spain). From the East you have the highway from Bragança and Vila Real. From the South you have the Highway which connects Lisbon and Porto and from the border with Spain at Vilar Formoso.

Braga - (22 km): A11

Faro - (640 km): A2, IP1 /A13, IC11 / A1, IP1 / A3, IP1 / A7, IC5

Lisbon - (364 km): A1, IP1 / A3, IP1/ A7, IC5

Oporto - (56 km): A3, IP1 / A7, IC5

BY BUS

From the centre of Porto you may take a bus to Guimarães at Parque da Magauanha (close to Trindade), where the Bus Station to Guimarães is located. See the following timetable (Monday to Friday):

Buses from Parque da Magauanha to Guimarães (Arriva)

07h05 *	15h30	
07h25 *	16h20	
08h15	16h50 (c)	
09h10	17h20	
09h20	18h00 (c)	(a) This bus also runs on Saturdays;
10h20	18h30	(b) This bus only runs on Sundays;
11h15 (c)	19h20	(c) This bus also runs on Saturdays and Sundays.
12h15	19h45 (c)	
13h20 (a)	20h05 *	* These buses make a stop in Famalicão and then continue to
14h20	21h30 (c)	Guimarães (you do not need to change bus).

Rede Nacional de Expressos (Buses Lines):

Rede.expressos@mail.telepac.pt

www.rede-expressos.pt

BY TRAIN

CP – Caminhos de Ferro Portugueses

Call Center: Tel. 808 208 208

Open: 7am – 11pm

www.cp.pt

BY TAXI

Should you wish to take a taxi from the airport to Guimarães: the journey takes approximately 60 min. and the fare is around 45€

Once you arrive in Guimarães, it is better to take a taxi to your accommodation or to the University. From the Railway Station or the Bus Station in Guimarães to the University the fare is around 3,50 €

Tourist Information

Tourist Office - Comissão Municipal de Turismo

Largo Cónego José Maria Gomes

4810-242 Guimarães

Tel. 253 518 394 - Fax. 253 515 134

turismo.cmg@mail.telepac.pt

www.cm-guimaraes.pt

Other information:

• Time

Continental Portugal and Madeira Island are on the Greenwich time - five hours ahead of Eastern Time & eight ahead of Pacific Time. The Azores Islands are 1 hour behind

the Portuguese mainland. Daylight savings time begins the last Sunday in March (clocks are turned one hour ahead) and ends the last Sunday in October (clocks go back one hour).

• **Climate**

Mild year round. Summers are dry and clear, with warm sunshine extending long into autumn. Winters are moderately cool and are the rainiest time of year, except in subtropical Madeira , where there is little rain. Mid-Summer temperatures range in the 30 °C, while Winter temperatures range in the 10 °C.

Restaurants

Restaurante Alameda

Largo Condessa do Juncal – Guimarães

Telefone: 253412372

Restaurante Baptista

Urbanização Cruz da Argola - Mesão Frio

Telefone: 253432216

Restaurante da Pousada de Nossa Senhora da Oliveira

Rua de Santa Maria - Pousada de Nossa Senhora da Oliveira

Telefone: 253514157

Fax: 53514204

Restaurante da Pousada de Santa Marinha

Largo Domingos Leite de Castro – Costa

Telefone: 253514453

Fax: 253514459

Restaurante El Rei

Praça de São Tiago, 20 - Oliveira do Castelo

Telefone: 253419096

Restaurante Florêncio

Rua Nossa Senhora Madre de Deus – Azurém

Telefone: 253415820

Restaurante Jordão

Avenida Dom Afonso Henriques, 55

Telefone: 253516498

Restaurante Quinta de Castelões

Lugar de Castelões - S. João de Ponte

Telefone: 253557002

Restaurante Solar do Arco

Rua de Santa Maria, 48/50

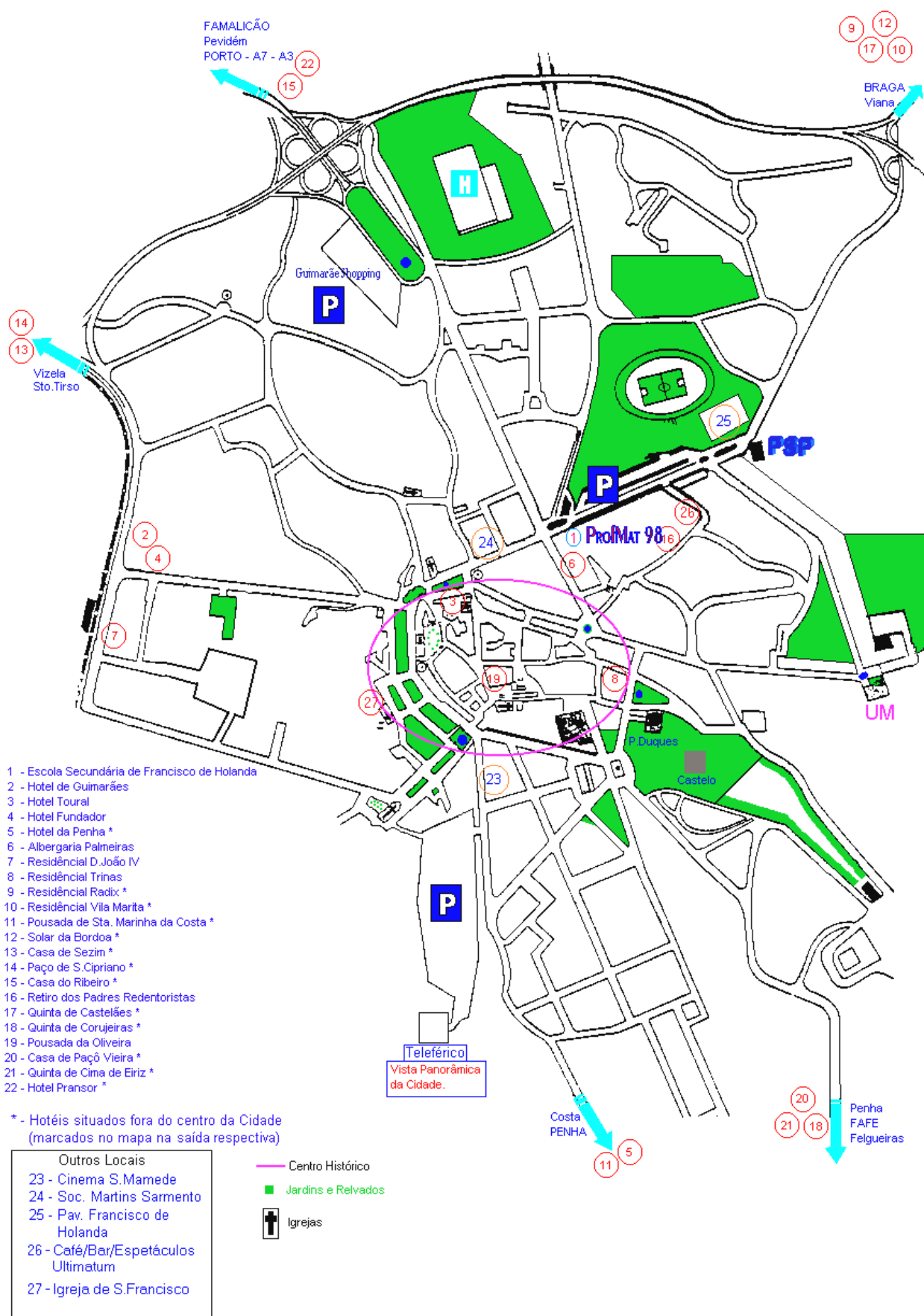
Telefone: 253513072

Fax: 253413823

Restaurante Vira Bar

Largo Condessa do Juncal, Ponte

Telefone: 253518427



- 1 - Escola Secundária de Francisco de Holanda
- 2 - Hotel de Guimarães
- 3 - Hotel Toural
- 4 - Hotel Fundador
- 5 - Hotel da Penha *
- 6 - Albergaria Palmeiras
- 7 - Residência D. João IV
- 8 - Residência Trinas
- 9 - Residência Radix *
- 10 - Residência Vila Marita *
- 11 - Pousada de Sta. Marinha da Costa *
- 12 - Solar da Bordoia *
- 13 - Casa de Sezim *
- 14 - Paço de S. Cipriano *
- 15 - Casa do Ribeiro *
- 16 - Retiro dos Padres Redentoristas
- 17 - Quinta de Castelões *
- 18 - Quinta de Corujeiras *
- 19 - Pousada da Oliveira
- 20 - Casa de Paçô Vieira *
- 21 - Quinta de Cima de Eiriz *
- 22 - Hotel Pransor *

* - Hotéis situados fora do centro da Cidade (marcados no mapa na saída respectiva)

- Outros Locais

 - 23 - Cinema S. Mamede
 - 24 - Soc. Martins Sarmiento
 - 25 - Pav. Francisco de Holanda
 - 26 - Café/Bar/Espetáculos Ultimatum
 - 27 - Igreja de S. Francisco

- Centro Histórico
- Jardins e Relvados
- Igrejas